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# Big Plans on The Horizon for The Senate and Dr. Senese

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**Dr. Senese (standing right) also has plans of building an arena, improving the undergraduate program, and building new residence halls.**

On Oct. 31, the Senate held their fourth meeting of the semester. Dr. Senese attended this meeting as a special guest and discussed some of his plans for the future Wellness Center. The Wellness Center will be around 50,000 square feet and three stories tall; it will include basketball courts, several multipurpose rooms and a lazy river. In the future, Senese also plans to have an autonomous vehicle run along the service road to take students to and from the Wellness Center.

Senese also has plans for the bookstore and the dining hall. Senese plans to turn the bookstore into a Starbucks or an Einstein's Bagels. He also discussed repurposing the whole Student Community Center as a dining area.

Of the committee reports this week, here are some of the most important:

•The Philanthropy Committee, chaired by Lisa Ogueke, is currently looking for faculty to help them get in touch with department heads and other resources. This is part of the committee's plans to find more volunteer options in fields related to a student's major.

"We wanted to get more students involved in volunteering, not just the ones who [are required] to for their respective organizations," said Ogueke.

The Philanthropy Committee is currently researching volunteer opportunities, so the plan to add more volunteer opportunities is still in its early stages. However, the committee plans to have concrete information by the end of the month. Their current plan is to host an event similar to Saint Leo Serves, where students will come in one weekend and choose somewhere to volunteer. For the volunteer opportunities that aren't able to be done during the weekend of the event (because of time constraints or because the volunteer option will occur on a separate date), Ogueke said that she would try her best to keep everyone notified on what events will be offered and how people can get involved in them.

Also, Ogueke is also trying to get in touch with the National Brain Tumor Society. The committee plans to host a 5K walk for brain cancer awareness where all the proceeds would go to the National Brain Tumor Society. She also plans to make a website for this event.

"Our goal, from the conceptualization to the actual execution of the event, [is to have this event] be a Saint Leo University effort...From what we've heard, just from word of mouth, we've had a lot of support especially at the upper level," said Ogueke.

Ogueke continued to say that more information on how to get involved with this event will be up once the website is created and that the best way to get involved with this event is to make a team, do some fundraising and participate in the walk.

The committee is also getting involved with First Year Experience's Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive.

•The Environmental Committee, chaired by Victor Bague, plans to put recycling bins for plastic bottles in the residence halls; they just need approval from Residence Life. Additionally, the committee plans to have a weekly recycling competition in the Bowl. The event is designed to promote friendly competition among the clubs and organizations and to strengthen the sense of community among the students.

"One of the goals of having these collection days is to have people outside...and to try to make [going outdoors] more community-based. Instead of someone staying in their room, [they'll be] more inclined to go out and hang out with people," said Bague.

The weekly competitions are planned to start Nov. 13 and are planned to continue every Tuesday.

•The Research and Marketing Committee, chaired by Romario Williams, is working with Career Services to add more jobs to Handshake. They are looking on job posting sites like Linkedin and Glassdoor to find more jobs both locally and nationwide.

•The Freshman Committee, chaired by Keishawn Mendez, discussed their plans for their first meet and greet event, Cookout and Volleyball. The event will be hosted between Benoit and Henderson on Nov. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

•The Sophomore Committee, chaired by Rose Foley, finalized its plans for a scholarship. There will be two scholarships worth $1,000 each. Anyone with sophomore standing (30-60 credit hours) can apply. They also shared their proposed events. The committee plans to have a spelling bee, a pool party, movies in the Bowl, a lock-in and a campuswide game of manhunt.

•The Junior Committee, chaired by Giulia Gourgue, has been researching places to go on for their class trip. They are currently in contact with Disney World and Disney Springs. However, they also discussed going to a concert.

•The Appropriations Committee, chaired by De'joun Redden, allocated funds for the Intercultural Student Association's International Food night. The event will consist of free food and performances, along with a fashion show hosted by the Carribean Students Association. The main event will take place Nov. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m, and the fashion show will be from 6 to 7 p.m.

•The Judicial Committee, also chaired by Rose Foley, discussed methods on replacing senators who leave the Senate. They decided that they will interview potential replacement senators and then present that person to the other senators. If the person is approved by the senators, then the person becomes the replacement senator.

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## Inside This Week

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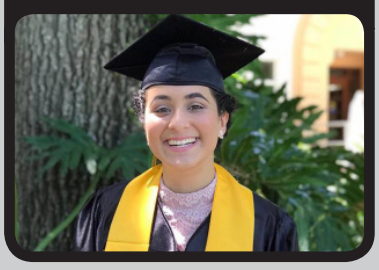

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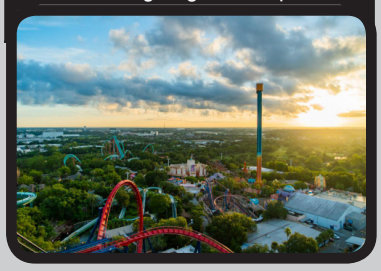

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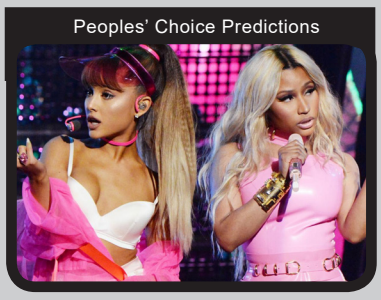

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Online This Week: Homecoming

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# Lifestyle

## Things to do for Thanksgiving Break on Campus

**By Jade Bastian**
Contributing Writer

This upcoming Thanksgiving break is ecstatically anticipated as the semester is coming to an end. The week-long pause not only serves as a breather before final exams, but it also allows many students to connect with family members who are not seen on a regular basis.

Each year, students usually celebrate the Thanksgiving break differently. Most students are afforded the opportunity to travel and celebrate this family-oriented holiday with loved ones while there are others who accompany friends to their homes due to proximity. On the other hand, some students think it is better to save money as the month-long Christmas break succeeds two weeks after, and others who find the Thanksgiving break to be a distraction from upcoming projects and finals.

For students who choose to remain on campus, the faculty and organizations here at Saint Leo do a remarkably impressive job at catering to students and making them feel comfortable throughout this holiday break. During this time, students are ensured a week of activities organized by the Multicultural and International Services Office (MISO) along with Student Activities.

Photo credit: @BuschGardens

Get out and enjoy yourselves on the free Busch Gardens trip which is set for Wednesday, Nov. 21. Tickets will be available online at saintleotickets.com

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The Benedictine Sisters and Saint Anthony of Padua Parish provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal in San Antonio for the community and college students who remain on-campus during the holiday.

Starting Monday, there is a trip to Walmart. Students will be able to stock up on necessities as the dining hall will be closed Nov. 17-24, but will be opened Nov. 25 for dinner.

On Tuesday, there will be a van trip to the Tampa Premium Outlets, and Wednesday there will be a trip to Busch Gardens free of charge.

Tickets and explanations for each trip will be available on saintleotickets.com.

Thursday will be the last day of activities. According to an email sent to the student body, there will be a free Thanksgiving meal hosted by the Benedictine Sisters and Saint Anthony of Padua Parish for all students staying on-campus.

These events are also listed on the life-sized calendars located all-around campus and sent in an email to students.

Altogether, this is just another way that the University caters to its students outside of their academic needs. Freshman and international students, in particular, do not need to fret as these activities are provided so that students can enjoy their time outside of their rooms during the Thanksgiving break.

## The Lions' Pride Weekly Word Search

### "Touchdown with Words"

**Harvest Hunt**

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For students who wish to partake on Thanksgiving Day, a reservation for dinner must be made by 1 p.m. Nov. 16, and if students need transportation to the dinner, they must contact Campus Safety and Security at (352)-588-8432.

# Local

# Volunteering Leads Graduate To A Job Offer

**By Randawnique Coakley**
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Worldly Education Editor

***Over the course of the academic year, The Lions' Pride will highlight its graduates in a series of articles. The articles will update and inform the community on life after graduation.***

Ever consider working at company but there is a slim chance for being hired? Ever considering volunteering to get that job opportunity?

Illousia Salazar, a recent graduate in Multimedia management, has a job opportunity at the Pasco Sheriff's Office as a Social Media Coordinator but did so after volunteering for the office after graduation. She is waiting to start as someone at the position. However, she was not able to start the job right after graduating, even after interning for the office in her final semester. Instead, she volunteered at this organization before being offered the job. Salazar mentioned how it was and why she did this.

"It was tough going from working for the newspaper for three years to not having a job after. What I did was I kept going to my internship as a volunteer to let them know that I was interested in getting a position there whenever one would be available," said Salazar.

However, she has advice for students regarding finding a job after college.

"Not having a job after college in the field you want is going to be the toughest challenge you have yet to face, but there are ways you can get started," said Salazar. "For example, let's say that you're a health management major and don't have any connections or jobs lined up after college, start volunteering at a hospital or health center. That way you have your foot in the door and can get to know the industry that you're going into. It'll also open up doors for internship and employment opportunities, and you'll be a top contender because you've given the time and effort."

She also advises students to take advantage of the opportunities available in college to get their foot in the door and have more possibilities after graduating.

"If your major has a field placement program or coordinator, that also helps too. The only major I know that has that program is the criminal justice department. It is beneficial, and you have a high chance of graduating with a job. I highly recommend it to any criminal justice major," said Salazar.

She emphasized students should take advantage of opportunities because one of her regrets was that she did not know when to ask family members or friends for help. Nevertheless, she got help from a professor and credits this professor with giving the opportunity in the placement program for helping her have the job she has now.

Photo provided by Illouisa Salazar

**Video editing has always been a passion of Salazar, and she enhanced her video editing skills when she worked for The Lions' Pride as the Mutlimedia Manager.**

"I owe a lot to my mentor, Dr. Joseph Cillo and his field placement program. Without his help, I'd have no direction in my life and where I'd want to be in the future."

Her current position at the Paso County Sherriff Office will help her with future career goals.

"I'd really love to do something with film in the future. One of the requirements of my new position is to go out and gather footage of a certain event or department and create a short little video," said Salazar.

Salazar is the former multimedia manager of The Lions' Pride. She mentioned that working for the newspaper has helped her to do what she is doing and develop skills and good work ethic.

"Working at The Lions' Pride also gave me the experience I needed to be a productive and efficient member in the workplace and I will be forever grateful for the opportunities they provided for me. I owe them a lot," said Salazar.

Also, the other thing she did in college that positively impacting her career was her major.

"My major at Saint Leo was Multimedia Management, and a lot of what I learned in my core classes are still elements that I will be using in my position, especially the Social Media Management class," said Salazar.

Along with majoring in Multimedia Management and working at The Lions' Pride, Salazar was able to become involved by being the president of Leo Vision, a multimedia club on campus. However, she still regrets not taking on more challenges.

"I wish I didn't shy away from the new challenges I faced towards the end of my time at Saint Leo. It's important to face those head on to grow as a person."

This connects to her advice for students, especially freshman. She advises that students don't be shy with asking for help but also don't be shy or afraid to get involved and pursue goals.

"Stay hungry and don't be afraid to go after what you want. As an incoming freshman, be aware that it's nice to have dreams, but you have to make sure you put in the work and time. Don't shy away from being a leader on campus or even in a group project."

Nevertheless, she is determined to reach her goals and even though she has some regrets she enjoys the position that she is in now.

Photo provided by Illouisa Salazar

**Salazar is participating in her work's "#TweetAlong" in which a social media coordinator rides with a deputy for a few hours to ask questions.Salazar describes it as a way to humanize the deputies at the sheriff's office.**

# The College of Arts and Sciences

# Dedicated, Diverse...DIFFERENT!

## Did you know that you can take courses in...

**IDS 300ST: Literature and Medicine**
**Instructor: Dr. Allyson Marino**
**Day & Time: MWF 12:30-1:20**

What stories do we tell about our bodies? How do we talk about suffering and illness? How is the medical profession represented in literature and culture? Are doctors better caregivers if they have studied literature? How do stories help both doctors and patients? What can the humanities teach us about suffering, death and dying, illness, healing and health, and medicine? This course explores the intersections between the sciences and the humanities as it tries to answer these questions. We will examine short stories, poetry, drama, medical texts, film and television, and diagnostic tools to consider these important human experiences. This is a great class for any future doctors or caregivers!

**IDS 300ST: Exploring Digital Humanities**
**Instructor: Dr. Elisabeth Aiken and Dr. Valerie Kasper**
**Day & Time: TR 9:30-10:50**

What do Trumps's tweets, Beyonce's lyrics, and a National Book Award winner have in common? Each contains hidden messages that you can uncover in IDS 300: Exploring Digital Humanities. Using data mining and topic modeling software, you can uncover secret messages hidden in any text! We'll begin the class by working on a common project related to the insurrection at Harper's Ferry in 1859, using journalism, speeches, and fiction. In the second half of the semester, you'll use the same digital tools to conduct your own project, related to the topic of your choosing: literature, history, religion, philosophy, art... the list is endless!

**SCI 100 ST: The Science of Cooking**
**Instructor: Dr. Cheryl Kozina**
**Day & Time: TR 2:00-3:20 or MW 3:30-4:50**

This course aims to introduce students to topics in biology and chemistry through an examination of the many facets of the science of cooking. Students will learn and use methods of scientific discovery / inquiry, as well as disciplinary methods of chemistry, biology, and physics, to better understand the molecular basis of and importance of science in food, nutrition and cooking. The class will include "labs" on ice cream and the role of different fats/flours in crafting the perfect cookie! No prerequisites.
*Earn UE credit for Science in a Changing World*"

**PSY423 Educational Psychology**
**Instructor: Dr. Christopher Wolfe**
**Day & Time: TR 3:30 – 5:00**

Have you ever wondered what the 'point' of all your schooling has been? Does the question of how we learn to read, write, and engage in mathematical thinking within school environments intrigue you? Do you see your future interests focused on children and how they develop cognitively and academically? Then Educational Psychology is the course for you! All you need to have taken is introduction to psychology (PSY161) and have an interest in the ways that education can shape the developing mind to enjoy this 400-level class! This is a perfect elective for junior and senior psychology majors but would also be appropriate for majors in education or social work

**PHI 345 Social Ethics: From Personal Values to Global Citizenship**
**Instructor: Astrid Vicas**
**Day & Time: MWF 12:30-1:20**

Climate change! Inequality! Immigration! War! Torture! Cloning! Abortion! Euthanasia! These are just some of the topics we discuss in this course.It gives you a perfect opportunity to develop your own position on issues we encounter weekly in the news. You get to discuss articles, videos, and cases on hot topics, and journal on them in a class wiki. Taking this course is an excellent opportunity to get credit for reflecting on issues that you are probably already concerned with. It will allow you to further develop your ideas on current important issues and discuss them with people who are equally passionate about them.

**BIO 440 Cancer Biology**
**Instructor: Dr. Cheryl Kozina**
**Day & Time: MWF 12:30-1:20**

This course is an in-depth study of the biology of cancer with particular emphasis on the signaling pathways involved in driving tumorigenesis, angiogenesis and invasion/metastasis. Discussions on novel treatments and therapies will also be included. There is no laboratory with this course (3 credits).

# Arts & Entertainment

# People's Choice 2018

**By Kristin Vitagliano, Bernard Ramos, and Madison Whatley (The Leos)**

Contributing Writer, Advertising Manager, and Arts and Entertainment Editor

## Music

### Male Artist

Drake
Keith Urban
Ed Sheeran
Shawn Mendes
Bruno Mars

**MW:** My pick is Shawn Mendes because his songs are upbeat and cute. They make you want to dance. I'd also be happy if Bruno Mars won because he is very talented, but he has already won a lot of awards. I agree with Bernard that we should let a newer artist take this award. The one person that I do not want to win is Drake, who is 32 years old because he has been scrutinized lately for having inappropriate relationships with teenage girls, namely Drake's rumored girlfriend and model Bella Harris (age 18) and "Stranger Things" actress Millie Bobby Brown (age 14).
**BR:** This is a hard toss up as all of these artists are very popular and worked their way up to the top. I would hope to see Ed Sheeran win this but seems like Drake would be the winner. Although I am not a huge Drake fan I did enjoy his two radio hits *Nice For What* and *In My Feelings;* they are songs you can bop your head and dance at a red light in your car! Agreeing with Madison, Drake is 32 years old and has been around longer than everyone else so let someone new and younger win this.
**KV:** I feel like each of these artists are so unique that it's hard to decide which would win. Just by going off what I hear on the radio, I feel like it may be a close call between Shawn Mendes and Drake. Shawn is still somewhat new, but his fans have grown to adore him. However, Drake has been around for a while now and seems to know what he is doing as his music is always a fan-favorite.

### Female Artist

Taylor Swift
Cardi B
Ariana Grande
Camila Cabello
Nicki Minaj

**MW:** Taylor Swift would be the last person I'd want to see win in this category. I've never been a fan of her's personally, and I do not find her music to be very original or interesting. That said, I'd be happy if any of these other women won. My top two are Nicki Minaj and Cardi B. There is a rivalry between the two, and I know a lot of people out there think that they have to pick a side and only be fans of one. However, I believe that both women are incredibly talented and successful, and I enjoy both of their music. If I had to choose one, I'd go with Nicki Minaj because I've been a fan of hers for longer, and her style aligns more closely with my taste. It's very close, though, because I see Cardi B as a really fun new person to have in the scene. I can appreciate how hard she's worked for all of the success that she has earned recently as a younger artist. Because Nicki Minaj is older than these other ladies at the age of 35, I've heard a lot of people say that she should gracefully step out of the scene. I disagree entirely because age has nothing to do with talent, and nobody would say that about a male artist.
**BR:** As a Taylor Swift fan, it would be nice to see her win this. Between her *1989* and *Reputation* albums, she deserves it. She showed that she's able to conquer many genres starting at country and now doing Pop. Taylor Swift also shows that male artists are not the only ones who can take over the music industry. Although I hope Taylor Swift wins this, I wouldn't be upset or shocked if Cardi B wins. Since her release of *Bodak Yellow*, she has proven yourself to take over the music industry. Cardi B is making her way up to the top, who would've thought this reality star in *Love and Hip Hop* would end up here now. Sadly, with the drama going on between Nicki and Cardi, they will use this as a way to get people to talk or tweet.
**KV:** I think Taylor Swift is the obvious choice with the success of *Reputation*. She has always been a fan-favorite.

### Group

Twenty One Pilots
Panic! At the Disco
5 Seconds of Summer
BTS
Super Junior

**MW:** My vote is for 5 Seconds of Summer. They're a fun pop group to listen to in the car with the windows down. That's the vibe they give me. I find the other nominees to be a little too intense.
**BR:** I would hope that Panic! At the Disco would be the winner but BTS will win. I don't really know who they are, but they have a huge fan group. I agree with Kristin with this one.
**KV:** I would not be shocked if BTS were to win. They have become such a sensational group, plus whenever their name is said, their fans go crazy. Even in passing conversation, I've had a few people strike up a conversation with friends of mine just hearing those three letters come out of their mouths.

### Album

Cardi B, *Invasion of Privacy*
Camila Cabello, *Camila*
Shawn Mendes, *Shawn Mendes*
Ariana Grande, *Sweetener*
Nicki Minaj, *Queen*

**MW:** This one is tough. I think that all of these artists are very deserving and talented. I would choose Shawn Mendes because his music is fresh and fun. In my opinion, Mendes encapsulates this era and represents the younger generation well.
**BR:** This was a hard decision because every single one of these artists had proven themselves and made top charts. I would like to see Shawn Mendes or even Camila win in this category. Camila left Fifth Harmony to take on her solo path which might have been a great decision she made for her career. All of the singles she has released have reached the Top 40, and everyone fell in love with all of them. I do think she has a chance to win this award, but I see *Sweetener* being a winner as well. This is a tough one because everyone has created amazing albums. I hope the whole drama between Cardi and Nicki doesn't have to do anything with this because they finally made up and it's in the past.
**KV:** I haven't listened to any of these albums fully through, but I'd hope the award goes to Shawn Mendes as his songs are so much more relatable, and I, at least, think they are more real for the listener; he'd deserve this. But, with the drama between Cardi B and Nicki Minaj, I wouldn't be surprised if it garnered more votes for either of them.

### Song

Ariana Grande, *No Tears Left to Cry*
Shawn Mendes, *In My Blood*
Selena Gomez, *Back to You*
Cardi B, Bad Bunny & J Balvin, *I Like It*
BTS, *Idol*

**MW:** *I Like It* is a really fun party song. I hope that it wins. It's a good collaboration, and I like the Latin flair.
BR: BTS will most likely be the winner for this category. Although I am not a huge fan of them, I do hope *I Like It* is the winner. The song was a summer hit where it was on the radio everywhere, and it still is today as summer has been over. The music video and song is catchy and fun for everyone. Everyone had at least one jam session in their car. I love all of these songs besides BTS but being realistic *I Like It* is the clear winner.
**KV:** As I said above, I would not be shocked it BTS' *Idol* received this award due to their constantly growing fan base. But, I hope that Shawn Mendes *In My Blood* wins. It's such a beautiful song and gives

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**Ariana Grande and Nicki Minaj have collaborated on five songs: Jessie J's song "Bang Bang" which features Grande and Minaj, Minaj's "Get On Your Knees" featuring Grande, Grande's "Side To Side" featuring Minaj, Grande's "The Light Is Coming" featuring Minaj and Minaj's "Bed" featuring Grande.They are both nominees for Female Artist of 2018.**

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### Country Artist

Thomas Rhett
Luke Bryan
Carrie Underwood
Blake Shelton
Keith Urban

**MW:** I am not a Country music fan, but Carrie Underwood should win in this category. She just released a new album a couple of months ago called *Cry Pretty*. It's been a big year. She's almost fully recovered from an accidental fall that she took in November of 2017 that resulted in a broken wrist and 50 stitches in her face. One year later, she is almost four months pregnant. This is definitely Carrie Underwood's time to shine.
**BR:** I am not a huge country music listener. When I moved to Florida, I started listening to more country, but I never knew who the artist was. I do know Carrie Underwood and Blake Shelton. I do not know any of Shelton's song but Carrie Underwood has a lot of songs almost everyone knows, and she won *American Idol*. She is still very popular today and has a huge fan base. I predict she will win this category. The best part about her winning is she is the only female in this category.
**KV:** I haven't really listened to much of the recent music put out by these artists, but what I've heard I think Thomas Rhett has a chance as his music is and has been relatable. But I've always been a fan of Carrie Underwood and Luke Bryan, and their music has always made me smile, so either of them would be well deserving as well.

### Latin Artist

Becky G
CNCO
J Balvin
Bad Bunny
Shakira

**MW:** I love Latin music. For me, it's between J Balvin and Bad Bunny. Bad Bunny caused more of a stir on social media, at least on my feeds, so I think he will win this award.
**BR:** I do not listen to Latin music. I do know who Becky G is because she is the new yellow ranger in the Power Rangers movie, and she has a single called *Shower*. I do not know any other song by her or if she even sings in Spanish. I do predict Shakira will win this award because, no matter if she still creates new music or not, fans will always love her. She is an iconic singer, and everyone loves her. No matter what happens, *Hips Don't Lie* will always be a song that will be popular no matter what year it is.
**KV:** I'd kind of love it if Shakira received this award. I don't listen to Latin music but I have always respected her and what she gives to her fans.

### Music Video

Selena Gomez, *Back to You*
Ariana Grande, *No Tears Left to Cry*
Childish Gambino, *This Is America*
Camila Cabello, *Never Be the Same*
BTS, *Idol*

**MW:** I already liked Childish Gambino before he came out with *This Is America*, and the video is really well done. It is shocking, but it's true that more people want to watch a video of people dancing than wake up to the reality of what's happening in America, so he has to catch us off guard with it. I hope he wins.
**BR:** The winner will be *This Is America* because it left a huge impact on people with what is going on in America. I did enjoy *Back to You*. *Back to You* had a little bit of a vintage old school type of video that was artistic. Music videos that are original and have a story to it are how music videos should be. Gomez did it more in a more fun storytelling way while Gambino did it in a wake-up and this is what's happening in America type of way.
**KV:** Though I am not fond of any of these songs in particular, the music video for *This is America* was exceptionally well done with the dancing as a distraction from all the violence occurring much like how current events are going this past year.

### Concert Tour

Beyoncé & Jay Z, *On the Run II Tour*
Taylor Swift, *Reputation Tour*
Britney Spears, *Piece of Me Tour*
Katy Perry, *Witness Tour*
Super Junior, *Super Show 7*

**MW:** I'd go with Britney Spears' *Piece of Me* tour. Spears is a great performer. She's always been known for her dancing, and after a long career, I find it impressive that she has stayed in such great shape by training to be able to still dance like that for a full tour.
**BR:** As a fan of Taylor Swift especially with her *Reputation* (not as great as *1989*) I hope she wins this award. Taylor is always making headlines of the guests that appear during her concerts, and she has Camila Cabello as an opening act for her concert as well. Although I have a love for this singer, Beyoncé and Jay Z decided to go on tour together once again. After all of the drama between this power couple, they went on another tour. This tour was most likely a move to prove they are still fighting strong and are better together. They will most likely win this category especially with how much of a fan base Beyoncé has. I know Britney Spears would win this if this were about her Las Vegas concert where her contract keeps getting renewed every year where fans all over the world come to watch her.

## Pop Culture

### Beauty Influencer

NIKKIETUTORIALS
Bretman Rock
Brooklyn and Bailey
Jackie Aina
James Charles

**MW:** James Charles has had my heart ever since he was CoverGirl's first ever CoverBoy. I am subscribed to his YouTube channel where he posts video makeup tutorials. He's a very funny and charming guy, which is another reason why his videos are so fun. He makes you feel like he is your best friend or your brother. In fact, he calls all of his fans "sisters." He should win because his beauty looks are very creative and flawless.
**BR:** I do not watch any of these beauty influencers, but I know from my friends, they are fans of NIKKIETUTORIALS. I heard about James Charles because he was the first male to be the face of CoverGirl and started his own clothing that you can buy online. Between NIKKIETUTORIALS and James Charles, I think he will win.
**KV:** Knowing that James Charles was the first male CoverGirl, making make-up a universal art (not just for females as it had recently become) again, he could win as he went against norms with Covergirl. He is also very talented as a makeup artist so it'll be well deserved. NIKKIETUTORIALS would be a well deserving winner as well as her makeup looks range from normal every day to crazy seasonal ones as well, all of them well thought out and completed.

### Social Star

Shane Dawson
JennaMarbles
Amanda Cerny
The Dolan Twins
Lele Pons

**MW:** Shane Dawson has been a social media star since practically the beginning of social media, or at least, the beginning of YouTube. He has been around since 2008, and his videos have become his career. He used to put out silly comedy sketches and parodies of pop songs, but now, at age 30, he has gone in a very different direction. I know what you're thinking: Shane Dawson has been around since the dawn of time, but seriously, if you haven't been on his channel lately, you need to give him a visit. He currently focuses his media on conspiracy theories! They are all in fun, so don't worry about falling into something crazy. He's like an investigative reporter that is obsessed with pop culture and tells funny jokes and focuses on weird topics. I think he should win because he's been able to adapt with the times so that he isn't just an old has-been. The timeline for fame on social media is a short one, so what Dawson has done is quite an achievement.
**BR:** Jenna Marbles is the only social star that I have watched. Some of her videos made me laugh until I cried. Jenna Marbles has been the only social star that has created her own content and doesn't make the same videos as everyone else is doing. She doesn't follow any trends, she

Photo by @TheAffinityMag

**James Charles was a 17 year-old high school senior when he was named the first ever CoverBoy in October 2016. Since then, his beauty career has taken off with nearly 10 million YouTube subscribers.**

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makes her own trends. Although I love Jenna Marbles, I do love her dogs as well. Jenna Marbles winning is almost like her dogs winning as well, and that is what I would like to see.
**KV:** I don't watch any of these often, but what I have seen from Lele Pons makes me hope she receives the award. Her creativity surprises me, and she has grown so much as a YouTuber and now as a musician, embracing her Latin American heritage.

### Animal Star
Lil Bub
Crusoe the Celebrity Dachshund
Gone to the Snow Dogs
Cole & Marmalade
April the Giraffe

**MW:** April the Giraffe was the giraffe that gave birth to her calf in the live Facebook video that was viewed by over 1.2 million viewers. I think that momma is a clear winner.
**BR:** If April the Giraffe is the giraffe who was born during a live Facebook video, she deserves to win. Dogs and cats are always gaining popularity so it would be new if an exotic animal wins!
**KV:** Out of all of these animals, I hope Lil Bub wins this. This cat is so adorable and inspirational as she lives with her genetic mutations and sad past. Having found a home and a person who loves her, the videos of her makes me cry happy tears.

### Social Celebrity
Ellen DeGeneres
Chrissy Teigen
BTS
Taylor Swift
Selena Gomez

**MW:** I hope that Chrissy Teigen wins. She's funny, smart, and beautiful. Her tweets are usually very sweet things about her life with John Legend and their children, but she also gets political often. She speaks her mind and stands up for her beliefs as well as the rights of others, which I appreciate. And she doesn't just tweet for her causes; she takes action. She participated in the March for Our Lives and the Keep Families Together March. Among her charitable causes are Planned Parenthood, the American Foundation for AIDS Research, and the Andy Roddick Foundation. She has 10.7 million Twitter followers, and *TIME* named her one of the top 25 Most Influential People on the Internet in April of this year. At age 32, she has turned her career as a model into so much more: she's also written and published two cookbooks, and she is a co-host on *Lip-Sync Battle* with LL Cool J. She even has some acting experience as a guest star on an episode of *The Mindy Project*. I love that Teigen uses her platform for good. She is open about issues that come with being a woman and a mother such as body image issues and postpartum depression. From her social media, I get the sense that she is a real person.
**BR:** I really hope that BTS does not win every single award they are nominated for. This is hard because all of these celebrities are popular and have a huge following. I would like to see Selena Gomez win. Selena is iconic and has been around since Barney! Selena used to have the number one following on Instagram and just recently went down to number two. We can't forget her iconic "Share a Coke and a Song" picture the most liked photo on Instagram. If that doesn't say Social Celebrity, then I don't know what does.
**KV:** Ellen is all around great, and Selena has just been an inspiration since she has been dealing with her health. Both would be nice winners, but again, having seen how much the BTS fandom has grown, I wouldn't be surprised if BTS takes it home.

### Comedy Act
Kevin Hart
Tiffany Haddish
Ali Wong
Marlon Wayans
Amy Schumer

**MW:** Tiffany Haddish should win. She is the most popular comedian of our generation. I think it's much tougher for a comedy artist to become an A-list celebrity, but Haddish has done it with her recent success in the last year.
**BR:** Tiffany Haddish will definitely win this award. After starting in the *Girls Trip* movie, proving herself, she has been taking over the world. Kevin Hart has himself some competition. She is showing up everywhere and has movies coming out back to back. It'll be a shocker if she ends up losing. Her new movie *Nobody's Fool* is out in theaters now and actually looks like a romantic comedy movie with more comedy than romance.

### Style Star
Zendaya
Blake Lively
Emma Watson
Beyoncé
Harry Styles

**MW:** Blake Lively has always had adorable style ever since the 2000s, and she continues to stun a whole new generation. Her style is more of a classic beauty. Whether she's just hanging out with her kids or walking down the red carpet, her outfit is always amazing and just right for the occasion. Her dress at the Met Gala this year made headlines. She should absolutely win in this category.
**BR:** Blake Lively is going to be the winner. We can't forget about her iconic role on *Gossip Girl* playing Serena, although she has stayed away from being only known for this role. She is a fashion icon, actress and loves to bake. She is down to earth where we can see her trolling her husband on social media. She is someone who knows how to be classy but have some fun. If you don't believe me that she will win this award just watch her new movie *A Simple Favor.*
**KV:** I have always adored both Blake Lively and Emma Watson's style. Both women are very influential and inspiring as well, so if either of the two received the award, I would be thrilled.

### Game Changer
Colin Kaepernick
Serena Williams
Cristiano Ronaldo
Aly Raisman
Nia Jax

**MW:** I hope that Colin Kaepernick wins. That's who I would pick. His movement got the most media attention with his movement, which opened up conversations about his cause all over the world. You can love him or hate him, but his impact is evident. I respect his right to protest by kneeling during the national anthem as well as the reason why he did it, which was to protest unfair treatment of minorities in this country. He started a dialogue about patriotism, freedom of expression and equal rights, and he managed to do that by taking the issue to a wide scale, and unfortunately, his stance was so controversial that he had to sacrifice some fans and his career. I think it was ultimately worthwhile, but we should prove that by giving him this award in solidarity.
**BR:** Serena Williams did have a video of her arguing with the referee so she may not have a chance of winning. Besides the whole issue with how she was acting she has made many accomplishments. I don't know much about these athletes. I hope it goes to someone who made a change and impact.
**KV:** With the whole #metoo movement, and women's rights being in the news consistently, I'd love to see Aly Raisman be awarded this award. This gymnast has spoken out about how the United States gymnastics group has suffered under Larry Nassar and all the sexual and child abuse allegations that arose around him. She is trying to make a difference not only in the world but within a sport that has won America countless medals during the Olympics.

### Pop Podcast
*Amy Schumer Presents: 3 Girls, 1 Keith*
*Scrubbing in With Becca Tilley & Tanya Rad*
*Anna Faris Is Unqualified*
*LADYGANG*
*Chicks in the Office*

**MW:** *Chicks in the Office* is my favorite on the list. I hope that it wins, but it is not as popular as the somewhat similar podcast *LADYGANG*. *LADYGANG* actually just got their own show on E! that premiered this fall. I think *Chicks in the Office* from Barstool Sports is much funnier and real. I would recommend *Chicks in the Office* to other students even if you don't care for podcasts. "Chicks in the Office" is more upbeat and wild than *LADYGANG*. Both podcasts are geared towards women and celebrity news, but they may be speaking to different generations of women because the girls of *Chicks in the Office* are 21 years old, while the girls of *LADYGANG* are 32 years old. *Chicks in the Office* is run a little more like a talk radio show than a slow, droning podcast that one might typically think of. Personally, I found *LADYGANG* quite boring. I can easily listen to 2-hour episodes of *Chicks in the Office*, but *LADYGANG* only has 1-hour episodes, and I still can't listen to *LADYGANG* all the way through.
**BR:** Podcasts are not my thing. Since I loved Anna Faris in the "Scary Movie" franchise, she deserves this award. I am not a fan of Amy Schumer but her most recent movie "I Feel Pretty" was an amazing movie with a great message. Unfortunately, since this isn't a movie award, I don't think she will win.
**KV:** I don't listen to podcasts, but the few things I've seen Amy Schumer do has made me laugh. I would be shocked if her podcast wasn't as entertaining as she can be.

Photo by @VanityFair

**Blake Lively starred in the mystery-thriller "A Simple Favor," alongside Anna Kendrick and Henry Golding, directed by Paul Feig this year.**

# Sports

## Swimming is Scorching the Pools

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The Marion Bowman Aquatics Center has seen a multitude of success in the past, that is no question. However, the 2018-19 men's and women's swim teams have looked impressive even to the incredible even to their own standards. Both teams are currently undefeated (men are 3-0 while women are 4-0) and the men are currently ranked 14th in the nation, so things are looking up for both swim teams.

In the early season, the Lions had all but one meet at home and traveled to Rollins University. The men's swimming team dominated there as they picked up a victory in every event minus one. Freshman Hampus Lovinge led with three individual victories after coming off of his Sunshine State Conference Swimmer of the Week Award. He picked up a win in the 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke and 100 individual medley. Junior Henrik Dahrendorff won two individual races and a relay crown as well. As an individual, he picked up the victory in both the 50 and 100 breaststrokes. He also picked up a victory in the 200 medley with senior Stanley "Kane" Klimczak and sophomore Fridtjov Mork.

Not only are the Lions winning individual races, but they are dominating on the podium as they swept three events (100 butterfly, 100 individual medley and 100 freestyle).

The women's swimming team is currently outside of the top 25 in the nation, but have received votes in the most recent poll, and it wouldn't be a huge shock if they become ranked in the near future.

The women's swim team has been no slouch themselves as they also traveled to Rollins and ended up with victories in nine of the 14 events. Junior Julia Chmielewska, junior Annie Lindstrom and sophomore Paulina Majszutowicz all picked up two individual victories while senior Karina Kolb picked up an individual victory as well. Lindstrom also posted a time of 24.04 in the 50 freestyle, which was good for an NCAA "B" standard qualifying time.

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Members of both swim teams come often come together to cheer each other to victory.

Both the men's and women's teams are winning their meets at a staggering rate as six of the first seven meets have been won by at least 50 points. The next time the teams hit the pool is not until Nov. 17 when they travel to Tampa to face off against the Spartans. The teams don't compete at the Marion Bowman Aquatics Center until Feb. 1 when they face off against Rollins for the second time. Make sure to keep updated on the program's success as the season progresses.

### Upcoming Games Week Ending 11/9/18 - 11/15/18

**Men's Basketball**

11/10- vs. Alabama-Huntsville (Tampa, Fla.) 1 p.m.
11/11- vs. Montevallo (Tampa, Fla.) 1 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**

11/9- vs. Shorter (Home Opener) 3 p.m.
11/10- vs. Lee 3 p.m.

**Women's Volleyball**

11/9- vs. #9 Tampa 7 p.m.
11/10- vs. Rollins 6

## Men's Basketball Season Preview

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The basketball team has more than just on-the-court chemistry as they travelled to Houston to play against Rice Univeristy.

As the men's basketball team is preparing to begin the rigors of the regular season, coach Vince Alexander has simple goals for this season: play smart, hard and together each and every game. Coming off of a 12-19 season, there should be optimism in the air as the Lions had eight wins against Sunshine State Conference teams.

After a very convincing 101-51 victory Nov. 3 during Homecoming against Pasco Hernando State College, coach Alexander still has some areas that the Lions need to improve before the games begin to count.

"[Homecoming] taught me some good and bad things. I think that we need to be a better rebounding team; we need to contain penetration defensively, and we need to do a better job at making free throws," said Alexander.

Those things will straighten themselves out as the season begins and the team begins to face adversity against other opponents. Last season, the team gave up 76.7 points per game, almost five points higher than they produced; rebounding could be the extra effort to fix that as the Lions were outrebounded by almost four a night; with size in the frontcourt entering the season, this could be a problem the staff has fixed. The Lions had some difficulties at the free throw line, only shooting 67 percent during the 2017 season. There were some positive things that Alexander picked out as well.

"I think we do a good job of playing together and sharing the ball. We have multiple guys that can score, and we are a pretty good shooting team. Overall, we have a lot of work to do, but we have guys that are willing to do the work," said Alexander.

Unselfish passing could create better shot opportunities for the team throughout the season. The Lions had 429 assists last season, and with an increase in that number this year, close losses can become victories. The team has played unselfishly in the past, so it should not be an issue for this year's team.

It appears the bulk of the scoring will come from senior forward Junior Searcy and junior guard Isaiah Hill, who both averaged over 12 points a game last season to lead the Lions. One big thing coming into the season will be rim protection since that could lead to turnovers and easy, fast break baskets to begin or extend runs. Hill convincingly led the team with 52 steals last year and was averaging two a game. Both Searcy and junior Pape Ngom averaged just under one block a game to continue a defensive approach.

This will be Alexander's fourth season as the head coach of the men's basketball program, meaning all of the players have had him as coach in their Saint Leo athletic careers. "This has allowed us to implement our culture and teach our expectations we have for them both on and off the court." The student-athletes are also excelling in the classroom as six players were placed on the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll for the Spring 2018 semester.

The Lions begin their official season Nov. 10 against Alabama-Huntsville in Tampa during the GSC vs. SSC Challenge. Their first home game is Nov. 16 against Auburn-Montgomery. Make sure to go support the Lions as they begin another season with high expectations.